GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3509
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CLOSURE OF PPL
AJAY CHAKRABORTY

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that the Paradeep Phosphates Ltd. (PPL) locatedat Paradeep in Orissa has been ordered by Orissa High Court to close the plant from February 15, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken for controlling pollution as directed by the Pollution Control Board so as to re-open the plant?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. However, based on the inspection report of the plant site by the Orissa State Pollution Control Board on the pollution control measures already implemented and under implementation, the Hon'ble High Court has vacated their interim order restraining Paradeep Phosphates Ltd. (PPL) from polluting the environment and allowed thecompany to run the industry till further hearing fixed on 24.6.2002.